

JANUARY 5, 1809.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A Bill,

For the relief of sick, disabled, and distressed seamen.



1 Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That a*
3 sum of _____ dollars be,
4 and the same is hereby appropriated for the relief of sick, dis-
5 abled, and distressed American seamen, out of any money in the
6 treasury not otherwise appropriated by law, which sum so ap-
7 propriated the president of the United States shall use and em-
8 ploy as circumstances shall require for the benefit and conve-
9 nience of sick, disabled, and distressed American seamen in the
10 ports and harbors of the United States.